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To the Right high and Honorable, and my Singular and very good Lorde, Lorde *Robert Dudley, Earle* of Leycester, Baron of Denbigh, and Knight of the moste *Noble order of the* Garter.

THE CHIEFE and Principall thynge (moste Noble Earle,) appertaynyng to euery Honorable Personage (which

thing it is good to see that your Honor doth well consider) is to walk in the garden of Humility, & the high or direct way to the same, is to passe by the gate of Vertue, whose foundation is ancred and lincked to the feare and loue of God: for as by the one is couered the multitude of sinnes, so by the other is obtained blessednesse, wisedome, and knowledge. DAVID that noble king and Prophet, after that hee had long traueyled and had passed thorowe the gate of Vertue, entred the faire and pleasant Garden of humilitie: And his walking

king and continuaunce therein, ſo much pleaſed God, that God ſayd of him by the mouth of his Prophet: I will ſet vppe thy ſeede after thee, which ſhall proceede out of thy body. Which ſentence moſt worthy Erle (although not ſpokē of your noble Parentage) in your Honor may be aproued, which I doubt not your Honor conſidereth. Knowing therefore moſte Honorable, the great loue and affection which your Honor euer hath and doth beare to vertue and good Letters, I was ther by moued the more boldly after I had gathered togither this ſmal

handfull of Flowers (named the Alphabet of Prayers) to dedicate the ſame to your Honor, as the fruite of my labours, nothinge doubting, but that it ſhall moſte acceptablye come into your fauorable and ſure protection. And for ſo much as Prayer is the keye that openeth to vertue, I thought good moſt honorable, to ſet forth to the open ſhew of the worlde, and to the increaſe of vertue, this little Volume or Treatiſe, moſte humbly beſeeching your Honor to accept it as my good will, crauing your pardon if any thinge haue eſcaped me for want of lerning.

ving. And I, according to my bounden dutie, ſhall call daylie (with my moſt humble and hartie Prayers) to almightie God, to finiſhe that hee hath begonne in you, with proſperous preſeruation of your helth, long to liue in Honor, Ioye, and Felicitie. Amen.

Iames Canceller wiſheth continuall helth.

It is good for euery estate
These few lines to imitate.

R	*Remember thy calling.*
O	*Obey thy Prince.*
B	*Beware of ambition.*
A	*Aduenge not thy cause.*
R	*Regarde thine estate.*
T	*Take councell of the wise.*

D	*Deserue no euill reporte.*
V	*Vse Iustice.*
D	*Defende the right.*
L	*Let wisedome rule thee.*
E	*Embrace Honour.*
Y	*Yelde to Truth.*

To the Reader.

IT is written (gentle Reader,) that in the beginning in ỹ dayes of Seth the sonne of Adam, the people first began to inuocate and call on the name of God, which is to saye, by deuoute prayer they did require and aske all things of him, praysed him, trusted in him, and gaue to him the honor and worshipp that belonged vnto him.

And this maner of pray-

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ing, was vsed amonge the Fathers from Noe, vnto ỳ comming of Christ: And they did frequent and vse the same as a special meane and waye to craue of God, his mercy, hys grace, & his assistaunce.

By Prayer also they did set forth the glory of GOD appeased his wrath and displeasure, and rendred hym thanks for his benefites receyued. Christ our Sauiour after hys comming taught

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it also, as a most necessary and comfortable Doctrine, whereby we might craue of his Heauenlye Father, not onely all thinges necessarie and nedefull for vs (as appereth in his Prayer taught to his Disciples, but also forgiuenesse of sinnes, to the attainement of eternall life. And therefore may we well say, that as the vse thereof is worthie praise, so is ỹ want thereof to be lamented. For where as prayer is not frequented,

quented, there God is not called vpō for his grace and assistaunce, neyther is hée thanked for his gracious benefites: the frée gifte of his mercis is not desired, neyther is the horrible punishement of his iustice feared.

Right well therefore may we in this our age (wherein sinne so much aboundeth, & the ordinarie vse and time and place of prayer so much neglected) lament the lacke of the vse thereof in all degrées

græs, with the lose lyfe of men, which is so frayle, so weake, so peruerse of nature, and so prone to euill, that almost none in maner sheweth in liuing to feare GOD. Who is afeарde to offende him? or who refraineth to blaspheme his holye name? who seeketh to subdue the flesshe to the spirite: yea rather, who seeketh not to laye the bridle of libertie at length, freelye and without stay to follow sinne, the

cause

cause whereof is (as I haue sayde) the want of true and vnfeined calling on GOD in deuout Prayer: For by it is wrought in vs the hate of sinne, and by it, is driuen from vs, all other occassions that might prouoke ỹ wrath of God vpon vs. And therefore it maye bée called our spéedie messenger or trustye Ambassadour, which doth obtayne for vs a gracious audience before the Maiesty of God, presenting to him the

the fruites of our contryte hearts.

But who maye not nowe trowest thou (gentle reader) rightly say to the worlde, as Ionas said to the Niniuets: There is yet fortie dayes, & the world shall be destroyed.

The Niniuetes, as sone as the Prophet had proclaymed destruction to come on them for their sinne, they immediately at the first crying of him, with trembling and feare turned to God, be-

leued

lcued him, feared his iuſtice, confeſſed their ſinnes, and with penitent hearts craued his mercie. But thou, O Englande, whome it hath pleaſed God to call, not by the mouth of one man, as he did ỹ Niniuetes, but he hath called thée by diuers other and ſundrie meanes: as firſt by giuing thée a mooſte vertuous Quéene, who for hir worſhipping of god and ſetting forth his name & glory, may be compared with Io-

ſiah

ſiah King of Juda: for hir vertues, pollicie, and wiſedome, with Judeth: and for the cares toward hir people with humble Yeſker.

Yée hath not (as I ſaye) called thée, by this his good gift of ſo mercifull and gracious a Quéene, but alſo hath called thée by the preachers of his Word, by death and famine, otherwyſe by fire from Heauen, by motion of warre, and laſtlye by mortalitie of Peſtilence, yet

nothing (O England) doest thou regarde his calling: wherefore to thée it may be sayde: the more he séeketh thée, the more thou shunnest him: the more he loueth thée, the lesse thou regardest him: the more thou néedest him, the lesse thou thinkest on him: so that by thy great vnkindnesse God is compelled to say vnto thée, as he sayde to the Israelites: I am ouerwearyed with bearing and long suffering of thy

thy wicked & sinfull liuing. If thou therefore doe desire to be free from the horrible plagues and threatnings of God, thou must like a true Niniuite, with a broken & penitent heart, call on God with continuall prayer, craving of hym hys mercye, grace and assistance, which if thou aske wt a true fayth, he will graunt it thée. And therefore when thou doest praye, thou must (after the minde of the Apostle) aske

wyth a ſtedfaſt fayth, not
wauering nor doubtful, and
thy requeſt ſhall be graun-
ted thée. He therefore that
aſketh as he ought, recey-
ueth: and hée ſéeketh well
that ſéeketh with continuall
deſire: and he knocketh well
which doth prouoke Gods
goodneſſe to heare him, as
did the woman of Cananie,
vnto whome Chriſte ſayde,
after hir petition made: O
Woman great is thy faith,
be it vnto thée euen as thou
haſt

haſt deſired.

Thus (gentle Reader) if thou loue thy health, if thou long to be acceptable to god if thou deſire to be ſure from the grennes of the Deuill, from the ſtormes of thys World, from the waye of thine enimyes, if thou couet to be happie at the laſt, let no daye paſſe thée, but that thou once at the leaſt doe preſent thy ſelfe to God by Prayer: And fallynge downe before him with an

humble affecte of deuoute minde (not from the extremitie of the lippes only, but oute of the inwardenesse of the hearte,) crye wyth the Prophet: O Lorde, the offences of my youth & mine ignorance, remember thou not; but after thy mercye and goodnesse, O Lorde, remember thou me. And thus the holy spirite that prayeth for thée, and eke thine owne necessitie, shall euery houre put thée in mind what thou

shalt

shalt pray for, and what you shall desire of God.

Who therefore that will persist & continue in prayer, shall not onely be vnto God daily more and more gratefull and acceptable, but shal also daylie proceede further and further from vertue to vertue, & shall be made like vnto the heauenly and Angelicall mindes, which daylie beholde the presence of God. And bicause all the felicitie of the soule standeth

in the cleere beholdinge of the fruition of God, and for that our felicitie shall be euerlasting with him, let vs reioyce & say with the Prophet: Thou shalt, O Lorde, fill vs full of gladnesse with thee, which is no more but that our felicitie is fulfilled in the seeing and beholdinge of God and our nature in Christ, sitting in the heauen on the right hande of hys Father, so that our reward is, that we may behold God

and

and Jesus Christ his sonne whome hée hath sent: to the which reward, he brings vs ỳ sitteth there and prayeth for vs.

Amen.

Certayne Sentences set forth after the order of the Alphabet.

Aske with a ſure fayth.
Be feruent in Prayer.
Confeſſe thy ſinnes.
Doe well to all men.
Enuie no man.
Forgiue them that hate thee.
Giue almes to the Poore.
Hurt not thine Enimie.
In aduerſitie be pacient.
Keepe the Commaundements.
Loue Vertue and hate Vice.
Mourne with them that mourne.
Neuer be aſhamed of well doing.
Obey God and thy Prince.
Put the feare of God before thee.
Quicken thy ſelfe in Gods promyſes.
Remember the ende ere thou begin.
Succour the poore and needy.
To all men be indifferent.
Vſe often and heartie Prayer.

¶ whē you begin to pray, think vpon the remission of sinnes promised in Christ Jesu, and let not this sweete sentence spokē of our Saviour, be left oute of your remembraunce. which is, I saye vnto you, whatsoeuer you aske the father in my name, he will giue it you.

¶ A Prayer for the Morning.

ALmightye and most mercifull God, I heartilye thanke thée for the sléepe and quiet rest, which vnder thy pro-

tection

tection I haue receyued this night, and for that it hath pleased thee safelye to bring mee to the beginning of this daye: I wretched Sinner moste humblye beseeche thee to defende, cherishe, comfort, and gouerne mee, and all my counsayles, studyes, and labours, in such wyse, that I maye spende and bestowe this daye according to thy most holy will, without the hurting of my neighbor: and that I maye euermore

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by thy gouernance, doe that is thy will & pleasure, hate wronge, and loue Iustice. Also I beseeche thee moste merciful God, strength and kéepe me in the faith of the catholike Church, and kindle in me the loue and light of thy holye Spirite, that I maye walke in the truth of thy Worde. Graunt this merciful God, for thy deare sonne Iesus Christes sake.

Amen.

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¶ The first Psalm wherein the penitent requireth of God to walke in his Commaundements.

BLessed are all those that are vndefiled in the waies of ỳ Lord, and blessed are they ỳ kæpe his Testimonies, and sæke him with their whole heart.

Cause mée thy Creature and handiwork therfore (O Lorde) diligentlye to kæpe thy

thy Commaundemẽts, and so direct my wayes that I may kæpe thy statutes.

Doe so vnto thy seruaunt (O Lorde) that I may liue and kæpe thy moste holye Worde.

Euer with my lippes will I be tellinge of the iudgements of thy mouth, that I may haue delight in ẏ waye of thy Testimonies, as in all maner of riches.

For so shall I not be confounded, while I haue respect

ſpect vnto all thy Cõmaan-
dements.

Giue mée vnderſtanding
(I beſéeche thée, O Lorde)
and I ſhall kéepe thy lawe:
yea, I ſhall kéepe it with my
whole heart.

Here my voice (O Lord)
accoꝛding vnto thy louinge
kindneſſe: and quicken thou
mée, accoꝛdinge as thou art
wont.

O Lorde, ſtablyſhe thy
Woꝛde in thy Seruaunt,
that I maye feare thée: and
open

open thou mine eyes, that I maye see the wonderous thinges of thy lawe.

Glorie bee to the Father, and to the Sonne, and to the holy ghost.

As it was in the beginning is nowe, and euer shall bee, worlde without ende. Amen.

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REward me not O Lord according to my deseruing, but if thou doe, than must I needes perish: wherfore to thee, I come moste mercifull Father, not trusting in mine owne righteousnesse, but in thy great mercie and promises made in Christ Jesu thy Sonne: For whose sake, O heauenlye Father, I humblye beseech thee to pardon and forgiue

giue mæ all mine offences. Amen.

O God my refuge and my strength, which art the Authour of all Godlynesse, be ready to heare the deuout prayers of thy seruant, that those thinges which I aske faithfully, I mays obtaine effectuallye, thoꝛowe Jesus Chꝛist our Lozde. Amen.

BEholde not good Lozde, that which is amisse in

me, for if thou do, I shall no more be worthy to be called thy Sonne: yet of thy great goodnesse (O Lorde) poure downe of the crummes that fall from thy Childrens table, that I maye be as the least among them. Amen.

ASsiste mée thy Seruaunt (O Lorde) against this Worlde, with all the vaine pompe, pleasure and beautie therof, ỳ it may be vnto mé as vile dusse, filthinesse and ashes,

ashes, that I may vse it, as though I vsed it not, & that it may serue me, & I not it, þ I may take my part therof vnto my necessitie, that I do not vse thy creatures voluptuously, but that I maye alwayes liue (in this shorte life) righteously, soberly, and iustly. Amen.

REmember not O Lord, the nũber of my sinnes, but according to the multitude of thy mercies deliuer

me from the paynes due for them. Graunt this, O Father, for thy deare Sonne Jesus Christes sake. Amen.

TEach mée good Lorde to number my dayes, that I maye applie my heart to learne thy Wisedome, and so strengthen mée with thy holy Spirite that I swarue not from thy lawe. Amen.

DOe not with mée, O Lorde, as I haue deser-

ued,

ued, but cal to remembrãce (for thy sonne Iesus christs sake) thy tender mercyes, whiche haue bene euer of olde: and cast me not from thée, in thy heauie displeasure, least I be consumed & brought to naught. Amen.

VNto thée (O thou God of my comfort) I wretched sinner doe come, crauing of thée thy mercy: Encline therefore thine eare vnto my calling (O Lorde,)

and consider the request of my hart, for Jesus Christes sake. Amen.

DEare Father to whom it is more easie to doe al things, than for me to think any one good thought, give power vnto thy seruãt, that I may with a strong fayth, vanquish and subdue, whatsoeuer may cause me to rebell against thy blessed will. Amen.

Lorde

LOrde graunt vnto mé thy seruant the strength of thy holye spirite, to subdue the body of sinne, with the whole lustes therof, that it may bée made obedient in will and minde to thy holye lawes. Amen.

EVery one ỳ sayth Lorde Lord, shall not enter the kingdome of heauẽ. Streng then therfore thy seruant I beseech thée (O Lorde) with the

the power of thy right hand against all the malignitie of the olde wilie Serpent. Replenishe my heart with thy wisdome, and comfort thou my soule with thy sweete promises made in christ Iesu, & let thy mercyes couer mine infirmities. Amen.

YN theise my Meditations (O Lorde) let thine eares bee open, that thou mayest heare the Prayers which I thy Seruaunt doe make

make before thée this daye. And graunt that I may alwayes aske of thée in such sort as thou requirest, to the honour, prayse, and glory of thy name, to the furtherraunce of thy Word, to the profite of my neighbor, and to my consolation and comfort, through Jesu Christ my Saviour and Redéemer.

Amen.

The second Psalm

of thankes giuing after aduersitie.

AFter ỹ I had longe loked for thée, O Lord, at the last thou didst attende vnto mée, and heardest my Prayers.

Blessed art thou Lorde, which hast not holden backe thy mercy from thy seruant but hast takē mée out of the lake of miseries, and set my

fēete

ſéete vpon a rock, and made my ſteppes ſure.

Conioyne thy ſelfe (O God) vnto my ſoule, & make it ſtronge, leaſt mine enimies ouercome me, and the companies of Tirauntes ouerwhelme me.

Dominion, power, and glorie be thine, for thou haſt made all things: and bicauſe thy will is ſo, they doe ſtill continue.

Euen thou, O Lord, haſt done many things, wonder-

full

full and great: and there is none that can be like vnto thée in thy wo:kes.

Fo: thou helpest them, whose harts be bo:ken with so:ow: and beare'st vp with thy hande, them that be contrite in spirite.

Goe not fro mée, O thou God of mercie: fo: ÿ art my sure refuge & the strength of my hope.

Haue thou in remẽbrance (O Lo:de) the rebuke that thy seruaunt hath bœne put to:

to: & how furiously my enimyes haue persecuted me.

I haue tasted and felte of thy swætnesse: truely blessed is that mã that trusteth in thée.

Kéepe thy mercie for mée (O Lord) my strength, & my prayse: thou hast brought down mine enimies, which art a iust iudge from the beginning.

Lorde, there shall no good thing be lacking to thẽ that seéke thée: & they that feare thée,

thee, shall not be helpeleſſe.

My ſoule therfore ſhal neuer ceaſſe to ſpeake of thy benefites, which be ſo many that I cā not number them.

No man maye helpe mée O Lord, but thou, who haſt brought my Soule oute of Hell, and haſt holpen me vp from falling into the dœpe, from whence no man returneth.

O Lorde, thus haſt thou reuenged the wronges that mine enimies haue done to mée,

me, thus hast thou bene my comforte in the time of my trouble, and hast bene mercifull vnto me.

Put awaye from mée, O Lorde, that which is euill, for thou art holye, and saue thy seruant which euer hath trusted in thée.

Quicken me in thy righteousnesse, and so shall I triumph and reioyce in thy mercy, for that thou hast loked vpon my necessities, & hast regarded my soule in

my great diſtreſſe.

Remember Lorde, that thou of thine owne will and minde diddeſt giue ſtrength vnto my ſoule: but when thou hiddeſt thy face from me, I was aſtonied.

Sende forth therefore (O Lorde) thy light and thy truth: and they ſhall leade me vnto thy holye Hill, and into thy holy Tabernacle.

Then ſhall I haue ioye for the dayes wherin I was in ſorow: and ſhall reioyce, that

that thou hast remembred the rebuke that thy seruant hath bene put to.

Uerily, I was afrayde that thou (O Lorde) haddest cast me out of thy presence: yet it hath pleased thée to heare my Prayers, and according to thy great mercy, hast taken mée againe vnto thy grace and fauour.

Wherefore, O Lorde, thy name bée blessed, praysed, and magnified, both nowe and euer: as it was in the

beginning, is now and euer shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ A prayer.

I Giue thée thanks, O god Almightie, which not alonly hast deliuered me from many daungerous perils, & troubles of enimies, but also hast endued mée with the giftes of nature, as reason, power, & strength, and with all other néedefull thynges thou hast possest mée. I acknowledge therfore O lord and

and cõfesse with the Apostle that these are thy gifts, and that there is no perfite and gwd gifte but it commeth from thée, O father almighty, which giuest frælye and castest no man in the tæth. I acknowledge w̃ the Prophet also, that gold is thine, and siluer is thine, and thou giuest it to whome it pleaseth thée. Wherefore, my most mercifull God, I humbly beseech and desire of thée, that the increase of these thy

gifts drawe mée not frō thée, but that thou wilt frame in mée, with thy holie Spirite, a true and faithfull hart and ready hand to good workes, that I laye not vp treasure here, where Théeues maye robbe, and Mothes corrupt: but in thy heauenlye Kingdome, where neyther théefe maye steale, nor Mothe corrupt.

Graunt this deare Father, for thy swéete Sonne Iesus Christes sake. Amen.

The third Psalme of confidence and trust in God.

ALthough (O God) neuer so strong enimies shall pitch their Tentes againste mée, my heart shall not be afrayde: for this is certaine, that al they which trust in thée, shal not be confounded.

Breake not therefore, good Lorde, the couenaunt that

thou haſte made with thy Seruant: and chaunge not that which hath iſſued oute of thy mouth.

Cauſe that thy holy Aungell maye direct and guide me, that my ſoule may truſt in thée: for thou arte the fountayne of lyfe, and my recreation in aduerſitie.

Deliuer me from the ſnares of the hunters, and from the perilles of my perſecutors: and make a ſhadowe for me vnder thy ſhoulders,

and

and I shall be harmelesse.

Euill men are risen vp against me, yet thy truth shal be my shielde and buckler: and therefore if my enimies come against me, I will not flie nor turne backe.

For who is hée that hath trusted in thée, and is confounded: or who hath called vpon thée, and thou hast despised him.

Go not fro mée, O Lord, for like as the Hart, when he is chased, coueteth to the

riuers

riuers of water: euen so my soule desireth to be with thée:

How great pleasures hast thou, O Lorde, prepared for me in heauen: that I should delight in no earthly thing, but in thée:

I will therefore acknowledge, that I haue all my strength of thée: for thou art my hope, my protection, my God and my Sauiour.

Kéepe mée, O Lorde, for in thée my health and glory doth consist: thou arte my com-

comforte, my ſtrength and helper, in whom I do truſt.

Let all them, O Lord, reioyce & be glad, which ſeeke thée: and let them which loue to haue Saluation of thée, ſaye, Magnified be the Lorde for euer.

Glory be to the father. &c.

As it was in the begin. &c.

The Verſicle.

O Lorde heare my Prayer.

The Aunſwere.

And let my crie come vnto thée.

The

The prayer.

O Most gracious and most wise guide, my Sauioure Christe, which doest leade all them that truely and vnfeynedly trust in thée, the right waye to immortall blessednesse: Graunt mée, that like as I am weake and féeble, so I maye take and repute my selfe, ỳ I presume not as of my selfe to sée my self, but so farre to sée, that I maye alwaies trusting in thée, haue

thée

thee before my eyes, to follow thée being my guide, to be ready at thy call most obedientlye, and to accompte my selfe wholye vnto thée: ý thou which onely knowest the way, mayest leade me in the same way to thy heauenly ioyes, where thou reignest god euerlastingly.

Amen.

The fourth Pſalm of Mercy;

To be ſaide before the receyuing of the Communion.

¶ *O mercifull Ieſu,*

HAue mercye vppon me, according to thy great mercye: and according to the multitude of thy mercies doe away all mine offences.

O ſweete Ieſu.

I Haue ſinned againſt thée, and done euill in thy ſight: that thou mayeſt bée iuſtified in thy ſaying, and mayſt ouercome when thou art iudged.

O Chriſt the Sonne of God,

L Ooke on mée with the eyes of thy mercye, the vnknowne thinges of thy wiſdome haſt thou reuealed vnto mée: if thou therefore ſpring-

ſprinkle mee with Iſope, I ſhal be cleanſed, if thou waſh mée, I ſhall be whiter than Snowe.

O my Sauiour.

MAke thou a pure heart in mée, and looke no more on my ſinnes: but after thy mercie & great goodneſſe, put out of thy ſight all mine offences.

O my Redeemer,

NO man can helpe mé but thou, caſt mée not there-

but tourne the eyes of thy mercy towards me, and forgiue mée the sinnes of my youth.

Cast not thy darts at me, nor lay not thy heauy hand vppon me, O Lorde, for I haue borne thine anger a long whyle, and of the cup of thy displeasure haue I dronke very déepe.

Cast me not awaye from thy presence, neyther take thou thy holy Spirite from me: but giue mée the com-

sort of thy helpe, and stablish me in thy truth.

Destroy me not (O mercifull Father) because of mine iniquitie: but be thou mercifull vnto mee for thy Sonne Iesus Christes sake

Destroye me not vtterly, nor leaue me in my sinnes: for thou arte a God full of mercy, and very gracious to them which trust in thee.

Daylie, sorrow ouercommeth me, and sadnesse possesseth my heart: I looke for

a time of health, but my griefe continueth still.

Enter not O Lorde into iudgement with thy Seruant: for if thou accuse mée, I shall neuer be quite, and if thou marke my sinne and iniquitie, no man shall deliuer me.

Except thou helpe mée of thy goodnesse and mercye: how may I which haue offended thée, bee rayled vp from my sinnes?

Euen of thée therfore (O

holy Father) which art the God of mercy, I wretched sinner doe aske mercy: and for the glory of thy name, be no longer angry with me.

For as thou art God so art thou gracious and mercifull, and paciently sufferest sinners, and wouldest that no man should perish: but that all men shoulde turne to penance.

For albeit that no man is able to beare the punishement, which ỹ doest threaten

ten

ten against Sinners: yet thy mercie, which thou hast promised, is great and vnsearchable.

Forgiue for thy names sake (O Lorde almightie) all my sinnes: and put out of thy sight all mine offences.

Giue mée a newe hearte, and take from mée all wicked desires: that I may euermore know, what thing is acceptable in thy sight.

Giue light (O Lorde) to

mine eyes, that I slæpe not in death: & then my sinnes shall not prevayle agaynst mée.

Graunt me (holy Father) that I may euer desire, and will that, which is moste pleasaunt and acceptable in thy sight: and that I haue no desire to will, or not to will, but as thou wilt.

Glorie be to the Father, and to the sonne. &c.

As it was in the beginning, is now. &c.

The

The Versicle.

Cut Lorde my sacke of sorowe in peeces.

The Aunswere.

And cloth mée with gladnesse.

The prayer.

Almightie and moste mercifull Father, I wretched sinner moste humblye beséeche thée, that thou of thy goodnesse wilte not remember the offences

of my youth, but that accor-
ding to the greatneſſe of thy
mercy, thou wilt turne fro
mée the payne, that I haue
iuſtlye deſerued for ſinne,
& that by thy grace I maye
(while I am in this vale of
miſerie) euermore be renued
in the ſpirite of my minde,
that a pure life maye
alwayes appéere
in mée. A-
men.

The sixt Psalme, wherein he desireth to be heard of God.

HOw long (O Lord) shall my minde bee troubled with painfull sorrowes and heauye thoughts: how lõg shal carefull cares torment my hart: How long (O God) wilte thou reiect my praiers which daylie I poure out before thee: wilt thou Lorde heare me

me at no time, or wilt thou now ceasse to shew mercy:

Hast thou O Lorde cast me awaye for euer, or wilt thou neuer hereafter be pleased with me: Thy hande is not weakened, but it maye help, and thine eares be not stopped, that they refuse to heare.

I beseeche thée, O righteous Father, for Jesus Christes sake, that the sighinges and inwarde desires of my heart, may moue & incline

thée

thee to heare mee.

I haue béene an vntrue and frowarde childe to thée, I haue not feared thée, nor shewed due reuerence vnto thée, but haue bene euer disobedient and stubborne against thée.

I am in prison and bound in fetters of sorrowe: tyll thou with thy gracious presence vouchsafe to visit me, and bring me againe to libertie and ioy.

Keepe thy mercy therfore

for

for me alwayes, O Lorde: and the couenaunt whiche thou hast made with me, let it be surely performed.

Kéepe me Lord frō sinne, and I shal then dreade neither death nor Hell: and as thou alwais hast bene mercifull to penitent sinners, so now good Lorde forgiue my sinnes.

Kéepe my hearte in thée, and then shall I reioyce in thy mercie: for that thou hast loked on mé and hast

regarded

regarded my ſoule in my great diſtreſſe.

Let mée neuer hereafter goe away from thy wayes, nor leaue mée not nowe in the déepeneſſe of my troubles.

Loe, now be the dayes of helth and grace, now is the accepted time: for in death who ſhall remember thée, O Lorde: or in Hell who ſhall praiſe thée?

Lorde behold therfore my weakeneſſe and frailneſſe,

beſt

best knowne vnto thee: and loke downe from Heauen vpon the sorrow and heauinesse of me thy poore creture

My life is as it were in the middest of fierce Lions: whose teeth are lyke vnto speares, and the sharpenesse of them lyke vnto the sting of Scorpions.

Mollifie my hart, O Lord God, that I maye returne to thee, and walke in all thy wayes: for I haue wandred ouer long in the way of sinners. Make

Make a perpetuall league and couenaunt with mée, that thou wilt put thy feare into my heart: that I neuer swarue from thée againe.

No man may so hide him selfe from thée, but that thou mayest sée him: who doest fulfill both Heauen & earth.

Neuerthelesse I wil speak vnto thée, and will not holde my peace, so longe as the breath is in my mouth: but still shall call on thée for thy mercie.

Nothing

Nothing is able to resist thy power, thy mercie is aboue all thy workes: and thou art gracious and mercifull to them whiche diligently obserue and kepe thy lawes.

O Lorde my prayers bee euer vnto thée, let thine anger be turned from me that I may finde fauour in thy sight.

O Lorde looke thou not vppon the hardnesse of my heart; but like as thou hast

many

many times shewed mercy so now be mercifull and forgiue that I haue offended thée.

O Lorde my God, which tenderly louest mankinde, & art a most rightfull Iudge, spare me I beseech thée: and shew on me the abundance of thy mercie.

Glorie bée to the Father, and to the Sonne, and to the holy ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now. &c.

The Versicle.

Turne not thine eyes frō me O Lorde.

The Aunswere.

But teach mée to doe that is pleasant in thy sight.

¶ The Collect.

Mercifull God, which by thy Sonne Christ hast taught vs to call on thée in our necessity, giue me grace, I beséeche thée to acknowledge myne owne infirmitie and weakenesse, that

that I depending on thy
merciſull goodneſſe, may
(with a ſtrong and ſtedfaſt
faith) continuallye call on
thée with a true repentaunt
heart, for thy grace, mercy,
and pardon, that after this
corruptible lyfe, I maye
behold thée in thy euer-
laſting glory, where
thou reigneſt God
euerlaſting.
Amen.

¶ The Prayer.

O Lorde our God, thou that broughtest thye people out of the lande of Egipte with a mightie hande, with tokens & wonders, with thy great power and stretched out arme. Before thée, O Lord my God, haue I sinned with my forefathers, and haue done wickedlye, behauing my selfe vngodly in al thy righteousnesse. Tourne thy wrathe from

from mée, O Lorde, & heare my Prayers and Petitions for thine owne sake: and bring me home againe whiche long haue bene astraye, that they ỳ hate thy name, maye knowe that thou arte the Lord my God, and that I haue called on thy name: O Lorde looke downe vpon mée thy poore creature, incline thine eare & heare me for the deade that be gone downe to their graues, and whose soules are out of their

bodies, ascribe vnto thee, O Lorde, neyther prayse nor righteous making: but the soule that is vexed for the multitude of hir Sinnes, which goeth on heauily and weakely, whose eyes, begin to kayle, yea such a soule (O Lorde) ascribeth prayse and righteousnesse vnto thée. I therefore, O heauenly Father, require mercye in thy sight, not for any goodnesse that is in mee, but for the merites of thy deare Sonne

Iesus

Jesus Christes sake, to whō with thée and the holye Ghost, be lawde and prayse for euermore. Amen.

The seuenth Psal. for the obteyning of Godly wisedome.

Reserue me O God for in thée doe I trust: let thy Wise-

dome rule and guyde my thoughts, that they may alwayes prayse thée.

Putte thy Worde in my mouth, and fasten thy wisedome in my heart: that other also may be conuerted vnto thée.

Pluck me from mine heinous offences, and hele my soule which hath offended, O God: that I may be frée from the guilt of my transgression.

Quicken me (O Lorde,)

as

as thou art wont to doe thy chosen: and let thy hande direct my waies, that I may walke in thy statutes.

Quicken me, that I may liue and kéepe thy wordes, that my soule maye prayse thée, & that thy iudgementes may helpe mée.

Quicken mée also with thy louing kindnesse: and so shall I kéepe the testimonies of the mouth.

Remember mée, O Lord, for thy goodnesse sake: and

for

for the great loue that thou beareſt towardes me.

Remember that thou haſt made me of the earth: and that I ſhall returne into the duſt of death.

Remoue me therfore good Lorde from the waye of ſinners: and ſtrengthen mæ with the power of thy right hande.

Shewe me thy wayes, O Lorde, and ſende forth the hote flames of thy loue, to burne and conſume the fantaſies

tasties of my minde.

Satisfie me with thy mercy, and that sone: so shall I bee glad and reioyce in thée all the dayes of my life.

Shewe now good Lorde, and declare thy goodnesse vnto me: send downe from Heauen the spirite of wisedome, & replenish my heart with knowledge thereof.

Thou fulfillest the desires of them that feare thée: and hearest the prayers of them that call on thée with their whole

whole hart.

Thou leadest streight in thy iudgements, them that be milde and tractable: and teachest them that be meeke thy wordes and Testimonies.

Thou holdest vp all them which else shoulde fall: and all that are fallen, thou liftest vp againe.

Vp Lorde and helpe thy seruaunt, thou art my hope and refuge, thou arte my strong Holde and Castle:

for

for thy names sake lead and guide me.

Verily, if thou shewe mé thy goodnesse and manifolde mercies, I shall florishe as the Olyue tréé that bringeth forth fruite in due season.

Verily my soule hath speciall respecte vnto thée, O Lord, for that my health, my strength, & my glory, commeth from thée.

Which hast saued my life from destruction, and shewed me thy grace & mercy.

Which

Which hast satisfied my desire with good things: and shalt once restore to mée my youth againe.

Wherefore, to thée most louing Lorde, and for these thy mercies, I offer to thée the Sacrifice of lawde and prayse: giuing thée thankes now and euermore, worlde without ende. Amen.

Lorde haue mercy
Christ haue mercy } vpon me.
Lorde haue mercy

OVre Father whiche arte in Heauen, halowed be thy name. Thy kingdome come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heauen. Gyue vs thys daye our dayly breade. And forgiue vs our treſpalles, as we forgiue them that treſpaſſe againſt vs. And leade vs not into temptation. But deliuer vs from euill. For thine is the kingdome, the power, and the glory, for euer and euer. Amen.

The

The Verſicle.

Deſtroy me not, O Lord, for my ſinnes.

The Aunſwere.

Neyther reſerue eternall puniſhment for them.

The prayer.

MOſt righteous God, for thy greate mercies ſake, hearken to theſe my humble Prayers, which I make before thee: & conſider merciſull Lorde, the

the desire and thought of my hart. Let my lowde cryings come vnto thée, and let my vnfeyned prayers enter into thine eares. Heare mée O Lorde, for I am destitute of thy helpe. Take care for my soule, saue me thy Seruaunt, which wholy trust in thée. Haue mercie, O Lord, haue mercie vpon mée, for I will neuer ceasse crying to thée for thy help and mercy. In the day time will I call on thée, and in the night my

crie shall not be hidde from thee. O thou God of the Heauens, the maker of the Waters, and Lorde of all Creatures, heare me a most wretched sinner calling on thee, and take awaye from me all my sinnes, and make stedfast my fayth and confidence in thy mercyfull promises, that I putting my trust in them, maye haue as thou hast promised, euerlasting life, thorow Christ Iesus thy Sonne our Lorde Amen.

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An other prayer.

O Lorde and Heauenlye Father, plant in mee true obedience to thy holy lawes, and to my Soueregne & gracious Ladye Quéene Elizabeth, whome thou hast set to reigne ouer mée. And let not the cares of this world deceiue me. Kepe mée also good Lord, from all vncleane desires, and graũt mee thy grace, to walke before thée all the dayes of this

my Pilgrimage, with good conscience and pure minde, that when thou shalte appeare to reward euery man according to his deedes, I may receiue at thy hand the reward of one that hath not bene ashamed of thee in this life. O Lorde increase my faith, increase my loue, increase in mee a sure hope of my saluation: O Lorde my Sauiour increase strength in me to ouercome sinne, & to stande against all temptations:

tations: let thy holy Aungel alwayes kéepe and conduct me, that I may euermore be thankefull vnto thée in Christ Jesu our Lorde, to whome with thée and the holy Ghost, be all honor & glory for euer and euer Amen.

¶ Here followeth the Letanie with certaine other Godly Prayers.

O God the Father of Heauen: haue mercie vpon vs miserable Sinners.

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O God the Sonne, Redéemer of the Worlde: haue mer-

mercie vpon vs miſerable ſinners.

O God the Sonne, redemer of the worlde: haue mercy vpon vs miſerable ſinners.

O God the holye Ghoſt, proceeding from the Father and the Sonne: haue mercy vpon vs miſerable ſinners.

O God the holy Ghoſt proceeding from the Father and the Sonne: haue mercy vpon vs miſerable Sinners.

O holye, bleſſed, and glorious Trinitie: three perſõs

and one God: haue mercie vpõ vs miserable Sinners.

O Holy, blessed and glorious Trinitie, three Persons and one God: haue mercie vpon vs miserable Sinners.

Remember not Lord our offences, nor the offences of oure Forefathers, neyther take thou vengeance of our sinnes, spare vs good Lorde, spare thy people whom thou hast redemed with thy most precious bloude, and be not angry with vs for euer.

Spare vs good Lorde.

From all euill and mis-chiefe, from sinne, from the crafts and assaults of the Deuil, from thy wrath, and from euerlasting damnation.

Good Lorde deliuer vs.

From blindenesse of heart, from pride, vaine glorie, and Hypocrysie, from enuie, hatred and malice, and all vncharitablenesse.

Good Lorde deliuer vs.

From fornication, and all other deadlye sinne, & from all

all the deceyts of the woꝛld, the flesh and the Deuill.

Good Lorde deliuer vs.

From lightning & tempest, from plague, pestilence and famine, from battayle and murther, & frō sodein death.

Good Lorde deliuer vs.

From all sedition and priuie conspiracie, from al false doctrine and heresie, from hardnesse of hart, and contempt of thy Woꝛde, and commaundement.

Good Lorde deliuer vs.

By the misterie of thy holy incarnation by thy holy nativitie and circumcision, by thy baptisme, fasting, and temptation.

Good Lorde deliuer vs.

By thine agony and bloudy sweate, by thy Crosse and Passion, by thy precious death and burtall, by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascention, and by the comming of the holy Ghost.

Good Lorde deliuer vs.

In all time of our tribulati-

on,

on, in all time of our welth, in the houre of death and in the daye of iudgement.

Good Lorde deliuer vs.

We sinners doe beseech thée to heare, vs O Lorde God, and that it maye please thée to rule and gouerne thy holye Church vniuersallye in the right way.

we beseeche thee to heare vs good Lorde

That it maye please thée to kéepe and strengthen in the true worshipping of thée, in righte-

righteoulneſſe and holineſſe of life, thy Seruant Elizabeth, our moſte gracious Quéene and gouernour.

We beſeeche thee to heare vs good Lorde.

That it maye pleaſe thée to rule hir heart in thy fayth, feare, and loue, and that ſhe maye euermoze haue affiaunce in thée, and euer ſéeke thy honour and glozie.

We beſeeche thee to heare vs good Lorde.

That it maye pleaſe thée to

be hir defender and keeper, giuing hir the victorie ouer all hir enimies.

we beseech thee to heare vs. &c.

That it maye please thée to illuminate all Bishoppes, Pastours and Ministers of ỹ Church, with true knowledge and vnderstanding of thy worde, and that both by their preaching and liuing they may set it forth, & shew it accordingly.

we beseech thee to heare vs &c.

That it maye please thée to endue

endue the Lords of ỹ Counsell, and all the Nobilitie, with grace, wisedome, and vnderstanding.

We beseech thee to heare vs. &c.

That it maye please thée to blesse and kéepe the Magistrates, giuing them grace to execute iustice, & to maintaine truth.

We beseech thee to heare vs. &c.

That it maye please thée to blesse & kéepe all thy people.

We beseech thee to heare vs. &c.

That it maye please thée to

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giue to all nations, vnitie, peace and concorde.

We beseech thee to heare vs, &c.

That it maye please thée to giue vs an heart to loue and dread thée, and diligently to liue after thy commaundements.

We beseech thee to heare vs, &c.

That it maye please thée to giue to all thy people increase of grace, to heare meekely thy Worde, and to receiue it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruites

fruites of the spirite.
We beseech thee to heare vs. &c.
That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth, all such as haue erred and are deceiued.
We beseech thee to heare vs. &c.
That it maye please thee to strengthen such as do stand, and to comfort and helpe the weake hearted, and to raise vp them that fall, and finally to beate downe Sathan vnder our feete.
We beseech thee to heare vs. &c.

That it maye please thee to succour, helpe, and comforte all that be in daunger, necessitie and tribulation.

We beseech thee to heare vs. &c.

That it maye please thée to preserue all that trauayle by lande or by water, all women labouring of childe, all sicke persons and younge children, and to shewe thy pitie vpon all prisoners and captiues.

We beseech thee to heare vs. &c.

That it maye please thée to defende,

Defende and prouide for the fatherlesse children and widowes, and all that be desolate and oppressed.

We beseech thee to heare vs, &c.

That it maye please thée to haue mercy vpon all men.

We beseech thee to heare vs, &c.

That it maye please thée to forgiue our enimies, persecutors and slaunderers, and to turne their heartes.

We beseech thee to heare vs. &c.

That it maye please thée to giue and preserue to our vse

the kindly fruites of ỳ earth, so as in due time we maye enioy them.

We beseech thee to heare vs. &c.

That it maye please thée to giue vs true repentance, to forgiue vs all our sinnes, negligences & ignorances, & to endue vs with the grace of thy holy spirite, to amend oure liues according to thy holy worde.

We beseech thee to heare vs. &c.

Sonne of God: we beséeche thée to heare vs.

Sonne

Sonne of God: we beseech thee to heare vs.

O Lambe of God that takest away the sinnes of the worlde.

Graunt vs thy peace.

O Lambe of God ỹ takest away ỹ sinnes of the worlde.

Haue mercy vpon vs.

O Christ heare vs.

O Christ heare vs.

Lorde haue mercy vpon vs.

Lorde haue mercy vpon vs.

Christ haue mercy vpon vs.

Christ haue mercy vpon vs.

The Letanie.

Lorde haue mercy vpon vs.
Lorde haue mercy vpon vs.

Our Father which &c.
And leade vs not into temptation.
But deliuer vs from euill. Amen.

The Versicle.

O Lorde deale not with vs after our sinnes.

The Aunswere.

Neyther reward vs after our iniquities.

Let

Let vs pray.

O God mercifull Fa-
ther, that despisest
not the sighing of a
contrite heart, nor the desire
of such as be sorowfull, mer-
cifullye assist our Prayers,
that we make before thee, in
all our troubles and aduer-
sities, whensoeuer they op-
presse vs; & graciously heare
vs, that those euilles, which
the craft and subtilcie of the
Deuill or man worketh a-

gainſte vs, bee brought to naught; and by the prouidence of thy goodneſſe they maye bee diſperſed, that wee thy ſeruaunts being hurt by no perſecutions, maye euermoze giue thankes vnto thée in thy holy Church, thozowe Jeſus Chriſt our Lozde.

O Lord, ariſe, helpe vs, and deliuer vs for thy names ſake.

O God we haue heard with our eares, and our Fathers haue declared vnto vs the noble woꝛkes that thou didſt

in their dayes, and in the old time before them.

O Lord, arise, helpe vs, and deliuer vs for thine honor.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Sonne, and to the holye Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is nowe, and euer shall be, worlde without ende. Amen.

From our enimies defend vs, O Christ.

Graciously looke vpon our afflictions.

Pitie

Pitifully beholde the sorrowes of our harts.

Mercifully forgiue the sinnes of thy people.

Fauourably with mercye heare our prayers.

O Sonne of Dauid haue mercy vpon vs.

Both nowe & euer vouchsafe to heare vs, O Christ.

Graciously heare vs, O Christ

Graciously heare vs O Lord Christ

The Versicle.

O Lorde let thy mercy be shewed vpon vs.

The Aunſwere.

As wée doe put our truſte in thée.

Let vs pray.

WE humblye beſéeche thée, O Father, merciſullye to lóke vpon our infirmities, & for the glory of thy names ſake, turne from vs all thoſe euils that we moſte righteouſlye haue déſerued, and graunt that in all our troubles wé

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may put our whole truste & confidence in thy mercy and euermore serue thée in holynesse & pureneſſe of liuing, to thy honour and glorye, throwe our onelye Mediatour and Aduocate Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ The prayer.

O Lorde almightie, God of Israell, our soules that are in trouble, and spirites that be vexed, crie vnto

vnto thée: heare vs O Lord and haue pittie vpon vs, for thou art a mercifull GOD: bée gracious therefore vnto vs, for wée haue sinned before thée. Thou endurest for euer: shall we then vtterly perishe? O Lorde almightie, thou God of Israell, heare nowe the prayers of vs wretched sinners, and yet thy creatures. We haue sinned before thée, and haue not hearkned vnto thy voyce O Lord, for the which cause

wée

wée are worthie to fall and
suffer thy fatherly correctiõ.
Yet we moste humblye be-
séech thy goodnesse not to re-
member our wickednesse,
nor the wickednesse of oure
forefathers, but thinke vpon
thy power and name, nowe
at this time, for thou arte
the Lorde our God, and thée
our Lorde will wée prayse,
for thou hast put thy feare
in our heartes, to the intent
that we shoulde call vppon
thy name, and prayse thée,

and

and turne from the wickednesse of oure forefathers: heare vs, O Lorde, for thy deare Sonne Jesus Christs sake. Amen.

¶ A prayer for the Queene.

O Lorde Jesus Christ, most highe, moste mightie, God euerlastinge, King of Kinges, Lorde of Lordes, the onely

ruler

ruler of Princes, the verye Sonne of God, on whose right hande sitting doest frō thy throne beholde all the dwellers vppon earth: with most lowly heart I beseeche thée, vouchsafe with fauourable regarde, to behold our moste gracious souereigne Ladye Quéene Elizabeth, and so replenishe hir with the grace of thy holy spirite, that she may alway incline to thy will and walke in thy waye: keepe hir safe

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of from ignorance, and throwe thy gifte let prudence and knowledge alwaye abounde in hir royall heart: so instructe hir, O Lorde, reigning vpon vs in earth, that hir humaine Maiestie, alway obey thy diuine maiestie in feare and dread. Indue hir plentifullye with Heauenlye giftes. Graunt hir in helth and welth long to liue. Heape glorye and honour vppon hir. Clad hir with the ioye of thy counte-

naunce. So strengthen hir that she maye vanquish and ouercome all hir enimyes, and be dreade and feared of them: and finally after this life, I beseech thée good Lord, that she maye attaine euerlasting ioy & felicitie, where thou reignest God with the Father and the holy Ghost.

Amen.

¶ A prayer.

O Heauenly Father, and mercifull God, whiche of thy onely goodnesse haste created and made vs, vnto thy owne similitude & lyke-nesse, we heartily pray and beseeche thée remember not our vnrighteousnesse, neyther suffer ỹ these grieuous plagues to depend ouer vs. We haue sinned and grieuously displeased thée, yet we beseech thée of thy mercy,

beninglye to beholde vs thy vnworthie children, for wée doe not prostrate our selues before thy face in prayse of our owne rigeteousnesse, but in the multitude of thy mercies: wherefore, Lorde & holy Father, be thou blessed now and euer, for that thou hast created all things, and hatest nothinge that thou haste made. Wée humblye therefore beséeche thée, most holy Father, no more to bée angry with vs, but to turne thy

thy wrath from vs, & kindle in vs the loue of thy holye spirite. Breake our stonye hearts (O Lorde) and make them fleshlye heartes, that we may feare thée, loue thée, and haue pleasure in thée. Graunt vs also mercifull Father, a true vnderstanding of thy word, that therby we maye knowe, that is to be knowen, & that to loue that is to bée loued, that to desire that pleaseth thée, that to regarde that is precious

in thy ſight, and that to re-
fuſe that is euill before thée.
Suffer vs not, O Lorde, to
iudge thy miſteries, after
our outwarde ſenſes, ney-
ther to giue ſentence after
the hearing of the ignorant,
but that we by thy holy ſpi-
rite maye alwayes diſcerne
thinges ſpirituall. Gyue vs
alſo holy Father, a ſorrow-
full and penitent heart, that
we may humbly ſerue thée,
in holyneſſe and righteouſ-
neſſe all the dayes of oure
liues

liues, that after our depar-
ting this miserable life,
we may attayne
eternall
life.

Graunt this deare Father,
for thy deare Sonne Jesus
Christes sake, to whome
with thee, and the holye
Ghost, be giuen all
honor, and glory
for euer and
euer. A-
men.

¶ A prayer to be sayde in the time of extreme sickneſſe.

O Lorde Jeſus, which art the only helth of all men lyuing, and the euerlastinge life of them which die in thy fayth. I wretched Sinner giue and submit my ſelfe wholye vnto thy blessed will. And I being sure ỹ the thing cannot periſhe which is committed vnto thy mercy, willingly

lingly therefore beſeeche thee moſte mercifull Lorde Jeſu Chriſt, that thou wilt by thy grace make ſtrong my ſoule againſt al temptations, and that thou wilt couer and defende mee with the buckler of thy mercy, againſt all the aſſaultes of the Deuill, I ſee and acknowledge that there is in my ſelfe no hope of ſaluatiõ, but all my hope, confidence, and truſt, is in thy mercye. I haue no merites nor good workes which

I may alleage before thée: of sinnes and euill workes (alas O Lord) I sée a great heape, but yet throwe thy mercie I truste to be in the number of them that shall be saued, to whome thou wilt not impute their sinnes but take thē to euerlasting life. Thou Lord wast borne for my sake, thou didst suffer hunger and thirst for my sake, thou diddest praye and fast for my sake: finally thou diddest all good workes and

deedes

deedes for my sake, & gauest thy moste precious bodye to die, and thy bloud to be shed on the Crosse for my sake. Now therefore most mercifull Sauiour, let all these good things profit me which thou freelye hast giuen mée, that hast giuen thy selfe for me. Let thy bloud wash and clense away the spottes and foulenesse of my sinnes, let thy righteousnesse hide & couer mine vnrighteousnesse, let the merits of thy passion

and bloud be the satisfaction for my sinnes. Giue mée Lorde thy grace, ỹ my faith and saluation in thy bloude wauer not in mée, but euer to be firme & constant, that the hope of thy mercy neuer decay in me, ỹ charity waxe not colde in me: finally, that the weakenesse of my flesshe bée not ouercome with the feare of death. Graunt also mercifull father, that when Death hath shut vp the eyes of my body, yet that the eies

of my soule may still behold & loke vpon thée, that when death hath taken away the vse of my tongue and speech yet that my heart may crie and say vnto thée: O Lorde into thy handes I giue and commit my soule, and with thy holy martir Steuen beholding thée in my Soule, maye saye: Lorde Iesu receyue my soule vnto thée, which liuest and raignest God euerlasting, with the Father and holy ghost.

¶ A prayer of Chrisostome.

ALmightie God whiche haste giuen vs grace at this time, with one accorde, to make our common supplications vnto thée, and doest promise that when two or three bée gathered togither in thy name, thou wilte graunte their requests, fulfill now O Lord, the desires and peticions of thy seruants as may

be most expedient for them, graunting vs in this world knowledge of the truth, and in the worlde to come, life euerlasting. Amen.

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THe grace of our Lorde Jesus Christ, & the loue of God, and the fellowship of the holy Ghost, be with vs all euermore. Amen.

¶ For

¶ For raine, if the time require.

O God heauenlye Father, which by thy sonne Iesus Christ hast promysed to all them that seeke thy Kingdome, & the righteousnesse thereof, all things necessary to their bodilye sustenaunce: sende vs we beseeche thee, in this our necessitie, suche moderate rain and showers, that we may receyue the fruites

of

of the earth to our comfort,
and to thy honour, through
Jesus Christ our Lorde. A-
men.

¶ For fair weather.

O Lorde God, which for
the sinne of man diddest
once drowne all the
world, except eight persons,
and after wardest thy great
mercie didst promise never
to destroy it againe: wee
humbly beseech thee, that al-
though wee for our iniqui-

ties haue worthily deserued this plague of raine, & waters, yet vpon our true repentaunce thou wilt sende vs such weather, whereby we may receiue the fruites of the earth in due season, and learne both by thy punishment to amende our liues, and for thy clemencie to giue thée praise and glory, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

Euening.

Euening prayer.

¶ *The Antheme.*

REmember not O Lorde mine offences, nor the offences of my forefathers, neyther take thou vengeaunce of my synnes, spare me good Lord, whome thou hast redéemed with thy most precious blaude, and be not angrie with me forcuer.

¶ The first Psalme at Euening prayer.

AGainst thée O Lord, against thée, haue I sinned and done wickedly before thée: and thou sæst also that mine iniquitie is great.

Beholde, good Lorde, I am solde vnder sinne, and in my flesshe I finde not that which is good.

Com-

Comforte therefore (O Lorde) the soule of thy servaunt: for vnto thee doe I lift vp my hart and minde.

Doe thou shew on me thy mercy, O Lorde: & graunt vnto me thy saluation.

Earely in the morning do I crie vnto thee: because of thy righteous iudgementes and mercie.

For thou Lorde art good and gracious, and of great mercie vnto all them that call vpon thee.

Giue light vnto mine eyes, O Lorde, for I haue slept to long in death: and my sinnes haue preuayled against me.

Ye that liueth, O Lorde, he that liueth shall prayse thée: and shall make thy mercie knowne.

In thy Tabernacle, O Lorde, I will dwell for euer: and my defence and couering shall bee vnder thy wings.

Glorie be to the father. &c.

The second Psalm

LORD deliuer me from among the wicked: & I may giue thãks to thy holy name, and make my boast of thy praise.

Make all nations whome thou hast made, to reioyce and worship thee: that they may praise and glorifie thy name.

Howe teache thou me, O Lord, that I may walke in thy truth: and knit my hart

vnto thee, that I may feare thy name.

O Lorde turne thee vnto me, and haue mercie vpon me: giue thy strength vnto me and succour me.

Prayse be thy name, O Lorde my God: for thou hast set thy glorie aboue all the heauens.

Quicke my saule O God, and all the powers thereof that it may cleaue fast, and be ioyned to thee in ioyfull gladnesse of ghostlye rauishings.

things.

Regarde, O Lorde, the prayer of thy seruaunt, and hide not thy face from me in the time of trouble.

Shewe some good token vpon me, that they that hate me maye see it and be ashamed: because thou, Lorde, hast holpen and comforted me.

Thou Lorde art good and gracious; and of great mercie, vnto all them which call vpon thee.

Vnto

Unto thee therefore, O Lord, will I perfourme my vowes: and I will giue thee thankes both nowe and euermore, worlde without ende. Amen.

The Anthem.

Saue me good Lorde waking, and keepe me sleeping, that I maye wake in Christ, and rest in peace.

The Versicle.

Blessed be the name of the Lorde.

The Aunswere.

From this time forth for euermore.

The Collect.

O Lorde God, I beseeche thee to lighte my darknesse, and deliuer mee from al the daungers of this night, O mercifull Lorde, throwe thy Sonne Jesus Christ, who liueth and reigneth with thee in vnitie of ỹ holye ghost, world without ende. Amen.

The

The third Pſalme

COnſider and heare mée, O Lorde my God, lighten ỹ eyes of my ſoule, that I ſléepe not in death. For if I bée caſte downe, they that trouble me will reioyce at it.

Defende me therefore, O God, from the waye of the vngodly: & out of the hande of the vnrighteous and cruel man, deliuer thou me.

Euen in thy feare doe I wor-

worthip (O Lorde) towarde thy holy temple: be mercifull vnto mée, and heare the requeſt of my hart.

For happie are they whiche dwell in thy houſe, for they will alwayes be prayſing thée (O God.)

Haue mercy on me, haue mercye on mée: euen as thou haſt promiſed to them which doe loue thy name.

I will call on thée, O Lord my ſtrength: I will truſte in thée, O thou horne of ſal-

uation:

uation : and in my trouble will I complaine vnto thée (O my God.)

Kéepe thy seruaunt therefore, O Lorde, from presumptuous sinnes, least they get the dominion ouer me: and so shall I bée vndefiled and innocent from the greatest offence.

Let (I beséeche thée,) O Lorde, the wordes of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, bée alwayes acceptable in thy sight, O

Lord

Lord my God, my strength and my Redéemer.

Let my Prayers bée set forth in thy sight as the incense: and let the lifting vp of my handes, bée an euening sacrifice.

Glory be to the father, and to the sonne, and to the holy ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and euer shall be, worlde without ende. Amen.

The

The Antheme.

O Lorde graunte mee thy light, that I being deliuered from the darkenesse of sinne, may come to ꝑ verie light, which is Christ.

Let vs pray.

Lord haue mercy vpō me.
Christ haue mercie vpon me.
Lord haue mercy vpō me.
Our father which. &c.
Turne thee vnto mee, O Lorde.

And

And shew on me the light of thy countenance.

The Versicle.

Lorde heare my prayer.

The Aunswere.

And let my cry come vnto thée.

¶ The Collect.

LIghten my darckenesse I beseech thée, O Lorde: and by thy great mercie defende mée from all the perilles and daungers of this night, that after my sléepe I may safely awake, to the

M.i. prayse

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prayse & glorie of thy name, thorowe Christ thy Sonne our Lorde & Saviour, Amen.

Lorde haue mercy,
Christ haue mercy } vpon me.
Lorde haue mercy

¶ A prayer.

O Moste glorious King, who art alwayes to be praised, among thy holy people, more than tongue or heart can expresse. I call on thy holy name, be thou therefore with mée, and forsake

sake me not (O Lorde) my god: but in the day of iudgement vouchsafe (O blessed King,) to place me amonge thine elect and holy people. Amen.

¶ A prayer.

IN the midst of life I am in death, to whome (O Lorde,) shall I seeke for helpe, but to thée alone, who for my sinnes art iustly displeased: O God most holy, O holye mightie and moste mercifull Sauiour: giue me

not ouer to the bitter paines of eternall death. Cast mée not off in my age, when my strength fayleth mée: forsake me not O Lorde, shut not vp thine eares from my Prayers: Thou O Lorde, which knowest the secretes of my hart, be mercifull vnto mée, and forgiue my sinnes, mosse deare and blessed Sauiour. Amen.

The

The prayer.

O Mercifull God and heauenly Father, whether I slēepe or wake, liue, or die, I am alwayes thine. Wherefore, I beséeche thée heartilye, that thou wylte vouchsafe to take charge & care of mée, & not to suffer mée to perishe in the workes of darckneſſe, but to kindle the light of thy countenance in my hart, that thy Godlye knowledge maye daylie increase in me, throughw a right

and pure fayth, and that I maye alwayes be founde to walk and liue after thy will and pleasure, thorowe Iesu Christ our Lord and Sauiour. Amen.

A prayer for the Queene.

O Heauenly Father, GOD Almightie, whose kingdome is euerlasting and power infinite, which of thy goodnesse hast vouchsafed to restore vnto vs of the Englishe nation

tion ỹ light of thy holy Gos-
pell, by thy chosen seruaunt
and Minister Elizabeth our
most gracious Souereigne
Ladye. I beseeche thée, O
good Lord, so to rule hir hart
that she knowing thy will,
may alwayes incline to doe
the same effectuallye. And
graunt that wée hir Sub-
iectes, duly considering hir
Regall authoritie & power,
which thou hast giuen hir,
may truely and faithfullye,
serue, honour, and humblye

obey hir in thée, and for thée, according as thou hast commaunded vs in thy blessed and holy Worde, thorowe Jesus Christ our Lorde: to whome with thée and the holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, for euer and euer.

Amen.

¶ A Psalme and Prayer agaynst the enimies of the Catholike Church.

ARise O Lorde, and stretche forth thyne hande, the Heathen are fallen into thyne Heritage: thy holye Temple haue they defiled, wherein thou hast put thy name, and made of it an heape of stones.

Beholde the deade bodies

of

of thy seruantes haue they giuen to the Fowles of the ayre, to be deuoured: and ỹ bones of thy Saints haue they consumed with fire.

Cruellye haue they (on euerie side) shedde like water the bloude of thy Faithfull: and haue despised to burie them.

Deceytfullye haue they crept into thine habitation: and with scorne and derision, haue they (O Lorde) spoken against thée.

Euen

Euen in the middeſt of thy Temple haue they (O Lord) blaſphemed thy name and haue not ceaſſed to doe wickedly.

Forget not I beſéech thée (O Lorde) how cruelly this wicked people haue deuoured Jacob thy cholen: and layde waſte thy dwelling place.

Giue glorie therefore to thy name (O God euerlaſtinge) and let the vengeance of thy ſeruaants bloud

which

which is shedde, be openlye shewed vpon the wicked in our sight, that we thy people and sheepe of thy pasture may ioyfully say: blessed be our God Iehoua, for euer and euer. Amen.

The Versicle.

Lord vtterly destroy thine enimie.

The Aunswere.

Which hath polluted thy sanctuarie.

The prayer.

DEliuer thou vs, O Lord from these vngodly and stiffnecked persons, for thou seest, that in their heartes they imagine mischiefe, and haue pleasure to eate vp and deuoure thy chosen. Their tongues be more sharp than the sting of Adders, and vnder their lippes, lurcketh poyson. But, O mercifull Lorde, let vs not fall into their handes, least they handle vs after their owne lust.

Lwke

Looke downe from heauen thy habitation we beseech thee, on thy dispersed sheepe and strengthen our weakenesse against their furious rages: Abate their pride, allwage their malice, confounde their deuises, wherewith they lift vp themselues against Christ Iesus thy Sonne our Lorde.

Wee bee not able of oure selues to stand against their assaultes, except thy vndeserued grace & mighty arme

defend

defend and deliuer vs. Per-
forme therfore thy promises
made to Jacob thy seruant,
and stop the mouthes of thy
cursed enimies. Call to re-
pentaunce thy sillye sheepe,
and forgiue all those that
wilfully and obstinately re-
bell not agaynst thy holye
Worde. Loke also wee be-
seech thee vpon thy poore dis-
persed, which for thy truth
sake are compelled to wan-
der from place to place, and
ridde them out of their day-
ly

ly græuances, that we may all with one voice & vpright heart, and pleasaunt countenance, extoll and magnify thy holy name. Amen.

Another Psalme and Prayer for the Church, vnder the borowed speach or name of a Vineyard.

HEare O thou shepherde of Israel, thou that

that leadest Jacob lyke a flocke of shepe: howe long wilt thou be angrie ouer the prayers of thy people.

In Egypt thou haddest a Vineyarde, whiche thou broughtest among the heathen thou plantedst it there and it toke rote: so that the whole lande was couered withall.

Lo, the hilles were couered with the shadowe of it: and so were the strong Ceder trées with the boughes

thereof.

Marueylous was the increase of it, after it had taken roote: and so was the name of it, among all Nations.

Nevertheleſſe, thou haſte ſuffered the hedge thereof to be broken downe, ſo that the wylde Boze out of the wood hath roted it vppe: and the beaſtes of the fielde haue deuoured the Grapes thereof.

O Lorde thou GOD of Hoſtes, let them periſhe in thy

thy wrath, that thus haue destroyed and layde waste thys thy pleasaunt Vyne: whose braunches spreade from Sée to Sée.

Prevent we beséeche thée, O Lorde, the malicious enmies of this thy Vine: and so shall we with voyce and heart, lawde and praise thy holy name. Amen.

The Versicle.

Turne thée, O God, loke downe from heauen.

The Aunswere.

And beholde ỹ Vineyarde which thy right hande hath planted.

¶ The prayer.

ARise, O Lorde, loke on this thy Vineyarde that it be not deuoured of the wicked haters thereof. Let thine enimies be scattered, the righteous (O Lorde) make thou plesaunt and merry, let them blowe abroade thy magnificence,

cence, let them ſing prayſes and pleaſaunt ſonges vnto thée, let them moſt highlye aduaunce thy Maieſtie, let thy glorie growe, let the kingdome of Chriſt from Heauen amonge the choſen be enlarged: bée thou (O holye Father) the Protector of them, namely, whom the worlde forſaketh and purſueth for Chriſtes ſake. Powre, O Lorde, is the flocke of thine heritage: Powre downe largelye thée

praye thée therefore, the showers of thy grace, that the Churche thy Spouse mayt deale large spoyles of the conquered Sathan. In thy house, O Lord, let vs dwell in peace and concorde: giue vs all one heart, one minde, and one true interpretation of thy Worde, that all that beléeue in thée by Christ our Lorde, might lifte thée vp with prayses. And giue to thy people cunning and power to withstand sinne, and

to

to obey thy Worde in all thinges: Graunt it so to bee mosse mercifull Lorde, for thy Sonne Iesus Christes sake. Amen.

¶ Here followeth certaine Psalmes and Prayers very profitable to be exercised.

The Alphabet

A Psalme and Prayer to God the Father.

I Doe offer vnto thee (O holy father) the sacrifice of lawde & prayse: Rendring vnto thée (which art moste highest) ỹ vowes of my lips.

Of thy goodnesse O Lord thou madest me: and of thy mercy hast ỹ redeemed mée.

Heare therfore ỹ Prayers of thy seruant, O Lord, and turne

turne thine eare vnto mée thy poore Creature, whome thou hast fashioned & made.

Night and daye will I praye vnto thée: beséeching thée, O God, that ỳ thought & meditations of my heart, may be acceptable afore thée

My mouthe shall neuer ceasse to speake of thy righteousnesse: and my lippes shall not cease to sette forth thy lawde and praise.

O Lorde & holy Father, I beséeche thée, that the inwarde

warde desires of my heart: may moue and encline thée to heare mée.

Righteousnesse is thine, & iudgement is thine: to thée therfore I accuse my sinfull wayes, ý I may cõe againe vnto thy grace and fauour.

Extende not therefore (O holy Father) thy rodde of punishment vpon me: but shewe on me thy mercy, although the my defaultes and sinnes be many.

Glorie be to the Father. &c.

¶ The

¶ The prayer.



Holye Father, remember not the offences of my youth, but thinke vppon thy great mercies & couenant made vnto mée in Christe Jesus thy Sonne my onely Aduocate and Mediator. He it is (O holye Father) whome thou diddest sende to be the obtayner of mercie for my sinnes. He was made weak to make me strong. He was woun-

wounded for mine offences. He gaue his body to be beaten, and his Cheekes to bée stricken. He tourned not awaye his face from them that scorned him and spitte vppon him. He gaue hymselfe to death for them which were offenders. Thorowe his loue and mercie he hath redéemed thē that were lost: and by his bloudshedding on the Crosse he hath pacifyed all thinges in Heauen and in Earth. Beholde ho-

ly Father therefore, who it is that thus hath suffered: and forgiue the sinne that is redéemed, for this thy sonne Iesus Christes sake: write in my hart, O Lorde, holye Father, loue to thy lawe, and hate to all sinne, that I may be worthy thorowe the merits of his death and passion, to dwell with him and thée euerlastingly: to whom with thée and the holy ghost be all honour, prayse, and glorie. Amen.

A Prayer for the obteyning of a good lyfe.

O Heauenlye Father, GOD almightie, maker of Heauen and Earth, and all things conteyned in them, I beseeche thée, that thou wilt vouchsafe of thy goodnesse to direct, sanctifie, and kéepe my hart and bodie, my senses, my doings, my talke and communication in thy holy lawes, and

and in the wozkes of thy Commaundements: and that thy holye Aungell may be wᵒ mée, to direct my féete into the way of peace, truth and health, that I maye deserue to be whole, safe, and fréé, in thée, and by thée, both here and in the wozlde to come. Thou that art ỳ Sauiour of the wozlde, & King of glozy, heare me and sauc mée, which liuest & reignest God in perfite vnitie, wozld without ende. Amen.

A

A Prayer to the Father, wherein we desire to doe those things that may please him.

O Heauenly father, haue thou pitie and compassion vppon the weakenesse of mée thy vnworthy Childe, be thou prest & redy (O Holy Father) to helpe mée, alwayes shewing thy mercy vpon mée, and prosper thou mée in whatsoeuer

I godlye goe aboute, so that thou giuing mée light, I may sée what things are to be accepted before thée, and thou encouraging me, I may haue an earnest desire to doe the same and thou being my guide I may come where to obtaine them: for I hauing nothing but mistrust in my selfe, doe yéelde and commit my selfe ful and wholy vnto thée alone, which worketh all things in all creatures to thy honour & glorie. Amen.

A Psalme and Prayer to the Sonne.

I Am ashamed (O Lord) to lift vp mine eyes vnto thée: because my sinnes, which are many, are come before thée.

O thou almightie, to whō all thinges are knowne, shew on me thy mercy: yea, euen in the sight of the children of men.

Heare me, O Lord, being peni-

penitent, whome thou hast hitherto pacientlỹ suffered: to the intent I shoulde repent and amende.

Naked and bare I came into this worlde, O Lorde: and naked and bare I shall returne againe.

My heart doth faint, and my soule is troubled (O my God and my Lorde:) and my strength is al gone from mẽ.

O Lord make strong thy humble and vnworthie ser-

 uant,

uant, that my ioy may be alwayes in thée.

Receyue mée of thy goodnesse (O Lorde) into thy fauour: and shewe thy mercie, on mée, for thou art mercifull.

Extende thy gracious fauour toward me: and haue regarde to my request, and so shall I reioyce in thy heauenly maiestie.

Glorie bée to the Father, and to the Sonne. &c.

As it was in the. &c.

¶ The

¶ The prayer.

O Bountifull Jesu, O swéete Sauiour, O Christ the Sonne of God, haue pittie vpon mée, mercifully heare mée, and despise not my Prayers. Thou hast created mée of nothing, thou hast redéemed me from ỹ bondage of sinne death, and hell, neither with golde, nor siluer, but with thy precious bloude, which thou offeredst vpõ ỹ Crosse

for all mankinde. Cast mée not away, O Lorde, whome thou by thy great wisedome hast made, nor let the wickednesse of my youth, destroye that which thy goodnesse hath builded. Whilest I am here (O Jesu,) haue thou mercie on mée, and whilst I haue time, giue me thy grace to repent. Looke vpon mée, O Lorde Jesu, with thy mercifull eyes, as thou diddest once vouchsafe to looke vppon Peter thine

Apostle,

Apostle, that after hys example I maye bewayle my sinfull life, that obteyning thy fauour, I may die therin. I acknowledge that of my selfe, I haue deserued euerlasting death, but yet I appeale to the highe throne of thy mercye, not doubting but that thou wylte haue mercie on mée: Thou hast O Lorde Iesu, giuen thy selfe an acceptable sacrifice to thy Father, to appease his wrath, and to bring all

sinners truly repenting vnto his fauour. Accept mée therefore swéete Iesus, truly repenting my sinnes, among the number of them which shall be saued, & that I maye leade a godlye and innocent lyfe: so that after this life I maye attaine life euerlasting, thorow the merits of thy death and Passion.

Amen.

A Prayer to Christ our Saviour.

O My Sautour Christe Jesu, which didst saye, I will not the death of a sinner, but that he liue and conuert: vouchsafe I beseech thee to loke vpon me most wretched sinner, with those mercifull eyes, with which thou once diddest beholde and loke vpon Peter bitterly weeping in ỹ court of

of Pylate, wherewyth also thou diddest loke vpon Marie Magdalen the penitent, at the feast of Simon, likewise vpon the Théefe hanging on the Crosse: and cause me thorowe thy great goodnesse, that I may worthylye bewayle my sinnes, & wepe with Peter, and with Marie, to loue thée with a pure and perfite loue, and with the Théefe that I maye beholde and sée thée which with God the Father and the holye

lye Ghost, raigneſt GOD
worlde without ende.
Amen.

A prayer to the name of Jeſu.

O Bountifull Jeſu, O
ſwéete Jeſu, O Jeſu
Sonne of the pure vir-
gin Mary, full of mercy and
truth. O ſwéete Jeſu, after
thy great mercy, haue mer-
cy vpon me. O benigne Je-
ſu, I pray thée by the ſame
precious

pꝛecious bloude that for vs
miserable sinners thou wast
content to sheade vppon the
Altare of the Crosse, that ÿ
wilte vouchsafe cleane to a-
uoide al my sinnes and wic-
kednesse, and not to despise
mée, humblye calling vppon
thy name. This name Je-
sus, is a swéete name, this
name Jesus, is the name of
health: for what is Jesus
but a Sauiour? O god Je-
sus which hast created me, &
with thy pꝛecious bloude re-
déemed

dæmned mée, suffer me not to be damned, whom thou hast made of naught: O good Jesu, let not my wickednesse destroye mée, whom thy almightie goodnesse made and fourmed. O good Jesu, reknowledge that which is thine in me, and take cleane awaye that which draweth me from thée. O good Jesu, whé time of mercy is, haue mercy vpon mée, & cõfound mée not in the tyme of thy terrible iudgement. O good

Jesu,

Jesu, if I wretched sinner for my sinnes haue by thy very iustice deserued eternal paine, yet doe I appeale fro thy righteousnesse, and sted-fastlie trust in thine inesta-ble mercie, doubting not, but ỹ thou wilt haue mercie vppon me like a meeke Fa-ther and merciful Lorde. O good Jesu, what profite is in my blood, seing I must des-cende into corruption: cer-tainely, they that be deade shall not magnifie thée, nor

they

they that go downe to Hell. O good Iesu, haue mercye vpon me. O swéete Iesu, deliuer méé. O mosse méeke Iesu, be vnto méé comfortable. O swéete Iesu, accept méé a wretched sinner, into the number of them that shall be saued. O Iesu, the health of them that beléeue in thée, haue mercy vpõ me. O swéete Iesu, the forgiuer of all my sinnes. O Iesu, Sonne of the pure Virgin Marie, endue méé with thy

grace,

grace, wisedome, charitie, chastitie, and humilitie, and with stedfast pacience in all mine aduersitie: so that I may perfitely loue thée, and in thée be glorified, and haue my onely delight in thée: world without ende. Amen.

¶ A fruitefull Prayer daylye to be saide.

O Mercifull Lorde Jesu, I beseéche thée to bé mer-

merciſull vnto mée a wretched Sinner: as for all my iniquitie and my negligences, and all my vnmortifications, I put them all into thy moſt precious woundes. O Lorde put awaye all my ſinnes, waſhe mée cleane in thy precious bloud, ſanctifie mée with thy bitter paſſion and death, cleanſe me perfitely, reſtore againe vnto mée thy innocencie which thou (O Lorde) gaueſt mée in baptiſme, that I may truely

pleaſe thée, I woꝛſhip, and
lawde, and gloꝛifie thée, I
pꝛayſe and giue thanks vn-
to thée my Loꝛd Jeſu Chꝛiſt
foꝛ all thy mercyes and be-
nifits, which thou daylie be-
ſtoweſt on me. I thanke thée
O ſonne of the liuing God,
which foꝛ ẏ exceéding great
charitie that thou didſt beare
towarde méé, haſt vouchſa-
fed to be made man. Thou
wouldeſt foꝛ my ſake bée
boꝛne in a ſtable, and as an
Infant bée wꝛapped in clo-
thes,

ches, to be swadled and layd in a Maunger, to be fed with the little mylke of the Mayden and Virgin, thy blessed Mother. Thou diddest for my sake suffer nedinesse and powertie, and manye other agonies diddest thou suffer, O Lorde, for my sake: as to bee apprehended and taken shamefully, and to be bound vnworthilye, and to be condemned vniustly: thus w̄ innumerable sorrowes, wast thou brought to that shame-

full death of ỹ Crosse, wher-
vpõ for my sake thou diddest
shedde thy moste precious
blood. Graunt mée therefore
most mercifull Christ, al-
waye to acknowledge thy
great loue and kindnesse to-
warde mée, which hast suf-
fered for me, that I may
after this life, liue
with thee euer-
lastingly.
Amen.

A Psalme and Prayer to the holy Ghost.

IF I haue founde grace and fauour in thy sight, O Lorde suffer mée a little to speake vnto thée, and be no more angry with me.

O Lorde omnipotent, which by thy wisedome rulest all things, giue mée thy holy Spirite, that I being guided by the same spirite,

may neuer be confounded.

Haste thée, O God, & comfort the soule of thy seruant: and let thy wisedome which is assistant to thy throne, be alwayes with me.

Nothing is more precious than wisedome: blessed is the man therefore that hath his delight therein.

My God make thou a perpetuall being with me: and sende down from the throne of thy seate, the deaw of thy grace, into my heart, that I may

may alwayes please thée.

O Lorde, I beséeche thée therfore, be with mée in euerie place, and poure in mée that most excellent giste of charitie, without the which no man is perfit before thée.

Rise vp, O Lorde, and declare thy glorie vnto thy seruaunt: and giue from Heauen the spirite of thy wysedome, that I may haue the true taste thereof.

Encline thine eare therefore, O God, that these my

humble Prayers maye ascende vp before thée.

Glory be to the father, and to the Sonne. &c.

As it was in the beginning, is now. &c.

¶ The prayer.

O Holy spirite of God, the thirde person of the deitie, which by thy diuine grace ordereſt all things: plant in me an infallible knowledge of thy truth O thou which art called paracle-

raclevus, the liuely fountain of the deitie, the fire of charitie, the finger of Goddes hande, which enricheſt with taſte of thy Worde, promiſed, the hearts of all faithfull: breath into my heart a pure fayth, to acknowledge thée verie God, God with the father & the ſonne. Thou ſeauen folde diſpoſer of the giftes of God, the hope of ioye celeſtiall: poure into my heart the deawe of thy grace, that being filled

with

with the ſweéteneſſe therof, I may obey thy bleſſed will. O thou God eternall, God equall with the Father, and the Sonne, make ſtrong my ſoule and body, that I by thy gracious ayde, maye ouercome ỹ aſſaults of my ghoſtlye enimye. O thou onelye Schoolemaiſter and guide of Gods elect: graunt that I may beleue and confeſſe the Father, and his Sonne Ieſus Chriſt, with thée the ſpirite proceding from them, to

be

be one God in persons thrée, and euerlasting in vnitie: to whome be giuen for euermore, all laude, prayse, honour and glory. Amen.

¶ A Prayer to the blessed Trinitie.

O Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinitie, the Father, the sonne, and the holye Ghost, thrée persons and one God, haue mercie vpon

ypon mee. O Lorde omnipo-
tent and euerlasting God,
without beginning or en-
ding, whome wee doe con-
fesse one in Trinitie, & three
in vnitie: I prayse thee: I
worship thee: I glorifie thee,
and giue thankes vnto thee,
for thy mercifull goodnesse &
clemencie, which wouldest
that I being in ỹ darkenesse
of all error and ignorance,
should be made partaker of
thy grace and mercie. I be-
seeche thee also most blessed

and

and glorious Trinity, bring to passe ỳ worke of thy mercifull goodnesse begunne in mée, and leade me in all pietie and godlinesse, and cause mée alwayes to thinke and speake, and doe those things which shall be acceptable in thy sight, ỳ after this life I may haue the fruition of thy deitie: which liuest and reignest God in perfite vnitie, world without ende.

A Prayer vpon the Petitions of the Lordes Prayer.

O Almightie and Eternall God, which vouchsafest that we, as it were thy Heauenlye Children, should be euery one of vs, cal thée our Heauenly Father: graunt that among vs, by pureneſſe and example of liuing, thy moſt holy name may be ſanctified, that all other nations beholding our

our vertuous deedes that ỹ
worckest in vs, may be stir-
red to bless and glorify thée.

Graunt, O Lorde, that
the kingdome of thy grace
and mercie may reigne con-
tinuallye in our heartes, so
that we maye be partakers
of the Realme, of thy glorie
and maiestie.

Graunt that vnto the ve-
rie death wée refuse not to
followe thy diuine will, and
that wée (according to the
example of the celestiall Ci-
tizens,

tizens, agreeing togither quietly) united in spirite, all contrauersy in opinibus laid apart, the lustes of the flesshe being subdued, and all flattering assaults of thy world, and the Deuill ouercome, neuer wrastle agaynst thy most holy will.

Graunt, O Lord, for our bodie needefull sustinaunce, that we may the more freely serue thee: Giue vs we beseech thee (O mercifull Father,) that heauenly bread, the

the body of thy Sonne Jesu Christ, the very fode & heith of our soules. Giue vs the breade of thy Diuine precepts, that we maye truely walke & liue in them. Giue vs the bread of thy heauenly word, which is the strong fortresse and sure defence of our soules, that wee being well fedde & filled with this fode, maye worthilye come to the celestiall feast, where as is no hunger.

Graunt O Lord that we

patiently beare and suffer our Enimies, and such as hurt vs, and willingly forgiue the offences cõmitted against vs, that so we maye finde thée (O Lorde) mylde and mercifull in forgiuing vs our trespasses.

Graunt, O Lorde, that we be not vtterly ledde into temptation, that therby we should be losse: but in all perilles of temptation, and in the middest of the stormie tempestes of tribulations, let

let vs thy children perceiue and feele thy Fatherly succour readie to helpe vs, least that we (ouercome with the naughtie crafts and deceits of the tempter,) shoulde be drawne into euerlasting destruction: but when wee bee well assayed, approued, and pourged wyth the fire of temptation, then let vs finishe our course, and so well and valiantlye fight, that we maye for euermore lyue with thee in that Heauenly

Tittle, where and agaynst ỹ which, no maner of temptation can preuayle.

Finallye, graunt (moste mercifull Father) that wee thorowe thy benigne goodnesse, may be deliuerd from all euils present & to come, both of body and soule: and that at the last, the yoke of the fowle fiend being shake off, we may possesse the heritage of thy Heauenlye kingdome, which thy sonne with his precious bloude, bought

bought for vs thy children: and there for euer to haue fruition of celestiall delectations, accompanied wyth Aungels & blessed Saincts, thorow the helpe, benignity and grace of our Saviour Jesus Christ: to whom and to thee our Father, and the holy Ghost, be glorie and honor now and euer. Amen.

¶ A comfortable Meditation of the reconciliation and attonement made by Christ to God the Father.

O Almightie GOD, Father of my Lord: beholde, the moste highe & precious thing that I can finde, the same haue I offered vnto thée, ẏ thing of

of moste estimation that I could finde, haue I humbly presented vnto thée, which is thy deare Sonne Christ. I haue left nothing, but in him I haue declared it, to thy diuine Maiestie. There is nothing remayning that I may adde more, bicause I haue committed and betaken my whole hope vnto him. I haue I saye (O holy Father) sent vnto thée my Aduocate and Spokesman euen thy welbeloued sonne.

I haue sente thy glorious childe to be a Mediatour for mée: I haue sent him as an intercessor, by whom I trust to get pardon and forgiuenesse of my sinnes. I haue sent (O mercifull Father) worde vnto worde (that is) God vnto God, according to the saying of thine Apostle: In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God. &c. which worde I beléeue was sent downe from thée for my misdéedes, and

and did take vppon him my humanitie and nature, in ẏ which he thought not scorne to suffer buffettes, bondes, spittings and mockes. Yea, he toke vpon him to suffer ẏ cruell paynes of the Crosse, nayles and darte: and after diuers punishmentes, gaue vp his moste holy spirite, and was reckned amõg ẏ dead. Loke mercifull father here vpon thy Sonne, whome ẏ diddest begette, and bonde-seruant whom he redeemed.

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Behold here a Creator and doe not refuse a Creature. Receiue the shepeherd welcomed with a gentle and louing countenance, and mercifully loke vpon the shéepe whyche hée hath brought home to the nineties & nine. Beholde (O Lorde) my King and my God, which lyke a good shepeherde, rendreth to thée that which thou didst commit to his charge. I was able (O holye Father) by my selfe to offende thé:

thée: but I was not able of my selfe to appease and pacifie thée, If thou therefore despise me (as it were right for myne iniquitie, yet at the least wyse, mercifully looke vppon mée for the charity of thy welbeloued sõne. Looke (O holy Father) vppon the sacrifice of the flesh, and pardon the offences of flesh: and bicause flesh hath stirred thée to anger, let flesh I beseeche thée moue thée to mercie, that like as flesh

flesh hath seduced and ledde mée to sinne, so flesh maye get and obtayne for mée, remission for sinne. For certaine, it is much that mine iniquitie hath deserued, but yet much more it is, that the goodnesse of my Redæmer may euen of right require. Myne vnrighteousnesse is great, but yet holy Father his righteousnesse is greater: wherefore most noble Creator of Light, pardon myne offences, for the miserable

rable trauayles and paynes that thy beloued Sonne did sustaine. Now I beseech thee (O mercifull Father) let his goodnesse be set against my wickednesse: his modestie and temperance, against my vngracious naughtynesse, and his meekenesse against my fierce cruelty, let his humilitie recompence my pryde, his pacience, myne impacience, his gentlenesse mine vngentlenesse, his obedience, my disobedience, his quiet-

quietnesse, myne vnquietnesse, his pleasaunt towardnesse, my bitter frowardenesse, his swéete facilitie and gentlenesse, myne anger & fretting fumes. To conclude O holy father, let his charity make amends for mine vnmercifulnesse. To whom with thée and the holy ghost be all honor and glorie, both now and euer, worlde without ende. Amen.

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